



MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the St Piran's Room, the Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance on Monday 1 December 2025 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors NC Broadhurst (Chair) (from 7.02 pm)

JM How	DM Paul
B Jackson	JS Power
PL Jameson	SJ Reynolds
PA Law	P Young
PI Osborne	

Also present: Councillor Peter Lapin, James Hardy (Town Clerk), Ben Brosgall (Leisure and Amenities Manager), Cameron Sil (Finance Manager) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services and Governance Officer).

26. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee it was necessary to appoint a Chair for the meeting.

In the absence of any other nominations, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor Reynolds be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

(Proposed: Councillor Young; seconded: Councillor Power)

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

Councillors Hadley and Reed were absent without having provided apologies.

28. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

29. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

30. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no confidential matters for consideration.

31. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2025



The Minutes having been circulated, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor How; seconded: Councillor Jackson)

Vote; Seven in favour. Two abstentions.

Councillor Broadhurst then joined the meeting and assumed the chair.

32. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Invitation to Join the Local Maintenance Partnership

Penzance Council had received an invitation from Cornwall Council to join the Local Maintenance Partnership and this was set out as an appendix to the report.

Some years prior the Council had participated in the scheme with Cornwall Council. However, it had been resolved that participation in the partnership would not continue for a number of reasons and these were detailed within the report.

It was suggested that the funds offered by Cornwall Council to take part in the scheme would be better utilised by it for the necessary maintenance to the paths in the parish. However, were there any meaningful changes to the invitation from Cornwall Council in future years, a report would be presented to the appropriate Committee to allow Members to consider any potential future membership.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. The invitation from Cornwall Council to join the Local Maintenance Partnership for 2026/27, and invitations for any future years, be declined unless or until there are substantial changes to the scheme's funding and/or or parameters.
2. A request be made to Cornwall Council that the funds offered as part of the invitation be ringfenced for maintenance work within the Penzance parish.

(Proposed: Councillor Power; seconded: Councillor Osborne)

(b) Leisure and Amenities Projected 2025-26 Outturn and Proposed 2026-27 Budget

The Leisure and Amenities Manager, the Finance Manager and the Town Clerk presented the report and provided an overview of its content.

The report and its appendices set out the context and background for the proposed 2026/27 Leisure and Amenities budget.

During the debate a Member raised a query regarding the 'Allotment Provision' earmarked reserve and, in response, it was clarified that this reserve was not solely



intended for purchasing land but also for ongoing repairs, maintenance and so on. It was therefore suggested that the reserve be renamed 'Allotments'.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. The projected outturn for 2025/26, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
2. The Leisure and Amenities proposed budget for 2026/27, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
3. The level of existing earmarked reserves and their respective contributions in 2026/27, as set out at Appendix 2 to the report, be approved and adopted subject to the 'Weed Treatment Equipment' earmarked reserve being incorporated into the 'Machinery Replacement' earmarked reserve and the 'Allotment Provision' earmarked reserve being renamed 'Allotments'.

(Proposed: Councillor Law; seconded: Councillor Young)

33. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Budget Comparison Report – 1 April – 24 November 2025

34. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING

There were no matters arising for report at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 7:34 pm

Chair
9 February 2026